

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Distributed Stations As Well As A Network Station.
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING A
REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

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Sir:

This Preliminary Amendments is being filed with a Request for Continued Examination. The Preliminary Amendment responds to the Office Action dated August 13, 2008, for which a shortened statutory period of three months ending November 13, 2008 was set in which to respond, for which pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a), a two-month extension ending on January 13, 2009, is hereby requested, the following amendments and comments are submitted and reconsideration of the claim rejections is respectfully requested.

The required fee for this extension has been charged to Deposit Account 07-0832 using EFS-Web when this response was filed. Please charge any other fees owed in connection with this response to this Deposit Account, as well.

Listing/Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.